

**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 2, 2020**

The regular monthly meeting of the Shamokin Dam Borough Council was held on Monday, March 2, 2020 in the municipal building located at 42 West 8th Avenue, Shamokin Dam beginning at 7:00 P.M. President Musser presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

David Sauers, Andrew Bickhart, Mark Benner, Domenico Barillaro, Kyle Jessick, and Donald Musser were present.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Robert Lockcuff was absent.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mayor Joseph McGranaghan, Manager Edward Hovenstine, Solicitor Robert Slivinski, Secretary LaDawn Leitzel, Nick Klose, and June Stark were present.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilman Barillaro to approve the Council minutes of February 3, 2020 as presented, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Christ Community United Methodist Church – A thank you note was received for the memorial gift in memory of Charles Kauffman.

Municipal Leaders Meeting – A Municipal Leaders Meeting on Monday, March 30th at 10:00 AM at the Degenstein Community Library.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ordinance 2020-1, Police Pension Plan Amendment – An ordinance electing to amend its police pension plan administered by PMRS, agreeing to be bound by all provisions of the PA municipal retirement law as amended and as applicable to member municipalities. A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to adopt Ordinance 2020-1, seconded by Vice President Bickhart, and approved by all.

Ordinance 2020-2, Non Uniform Pension Plan Amendment – An ordinance electing to amend its non uniform pension plan administered by PMRS, agreeing to be bound by all provisions of the PA municipal retirement law as amended and as applicable to member municipalities. A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to adopt Ordinance 2020-2, seconded by Councilman Barillaro, and approved by all.

MAYORS REPORT:

Mayor McGranaghan requested additional storage area with climate control for the police department. Manager Hovenstine will gather information and have a comprehensive plan to accommodate the Borough and the police department.

Police Report – Mayor McGranaghan presented the February police report.

MANAGERS REPORT:

Manager Hovenstine recommended increasing the Zoning Hearing Fees from \$250.00 to \$750.00, because the fee is considerably less than the actual cost of a zoning hearing. The Manager recommended discussing the schedule of fees at a Finance committee.

Training/Uninterrupted Service Plan – Manager Hovenstine attended an emergency response plan training and is developing an uninterrupted service plan for DEP.

Filter Inspection – The water plant had a filter inspection conducted by the filter manufacturer on Tuesday, February 18, 2020.

DEP Full Plant Inspection – DEP conducted a full plant inspection on Thursday, February 27, 2020.

Central Keystone COG Maintenance Code – Jim Emery with Central Keystone COG (CKCOG) attended the January workshop and reviewed a proposed Central Keystone Council of Governments Maintenance Code - Property, Fire Safety and Building on behalf of Shamokin Dam Borough. The proposed code is three parts: property maintenance code section, residential rental section, and fire safety program for commercial structures. Manager Hovenstine recommended moving forward with the property maintenance code section, which requires adopting an ordinance. Solicitor Slivinski will review the proposed property maintenance code section.

Manager Hovenstine reviewed the Golden Arrow Motel Court date with Council.

INSA-Street Dedication – The Borough received correspondence from INSA, LLC regarding a deed of street dedication for the East Eleventh Avenue Extension. Solicitor Slivinski will review and report to Council for a deed of dedication.

Audit Update – The auditors from Herring Roll & Solomon, PC were at the Borough Office on February 17, 2020 gathering audit information.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Manager Hovenstine reviewed proposed response addressed to Atty. Beau Hoffman, Monroe Township Solicitor, regarding the ESCRA Service agreement correspondence received. Council recommended working with ESCRA to secure low interest Penn Vest funding for the much needed upgrades at the plant, which would result in substantial savings for all ESCRA users. Solicitor Slivinski reviewed the situation. Council agreed to send the proposed response.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A Planning Commission meeting will be held on February 12, 2020 at 7:00 PM to discuss the application for final land development plan approval for John Hall subdivision at 12 Rome Court. Planning Commission recommended conditional approval upon addressing the Snyder County Planning comments noted. A motion was made by Vice President Bickhart to approve

the final land development plan of property located at 12 Rome Court, seconded by Councilman Sauers, and roll call vote called: Jessick-Yes, Bickhart-Yes, Sauers-Yes, Musser –Abstain due to having an interest in the land development plan, Benner-Yes, Barillaro-Yes (5-Yes, 0-No, 1-Abstain).

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

General Fund bills in the amount of \$30,843.66, Water and Sewer Fund bills in the amount of \$84,429.90, Fire Protection Fund bills in the amount of \$644.22, and 111 W 11th Avenue Fund bills in the amount of \$59.82 were presented for payment. A motion was made by Councilman Sauers to approve payment of the bills as presented, seconded by Councilman Benner, and approved by all.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaDawn D. Leitzel
Borough Secretary